

**BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001**

Retail Access Optimization Initiative

Docket No. N2011-1

**National Association of Postmasters of the United States
Response to Motion of
the United States Postal Service for Change in Hearing Date
(October 3, 2011)**

The National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) is providing notice that the United States Postal Service motion to change the hearing date for receipt of rebuttal testimony and oral cross-examination of rebuttal witnesses from October 11 to October 13 would preclude the NAPUS representative from participating in the proceeding.

October 13 and October 14 coincide with the Jewish Holiday, *Sukkot*. Inasmuch as the NAPUS representative is an observant member of the Jewish faith, the Postal Service's requested date for rebuttal testimony and oral cross-examination would preclude participation. NAPUS wishes to advise the Commission that October 20 and October 21 would present a similar conflict.

Counsel for the U.S. Postal Service is aware of the issue and has notified NAPUS that it will work for an accommodation.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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